

Responses to Questions

#	Question RFA Section Reference	Question	Answer
1	VII.D. – (pg. 22)	Contrary to the deadline date given in other sections, this section states “applications must be received by April 3, 2018.” Can we assume this is an error and the correct deadline date is April 6, 2018?	That was a typo. The correct deadline is April 6, 2018.
2	Attachment 3: Current Mental Health System	The instructions for each V. B. 1. sections a-e state to “Provide a description for each of the following: All ... in the county or collaborative funded by the Act.” If a city is applying, should respondents report on City resources or County resources?	The applicant should report on city resources.
3	NOFA – Cover Letter	The cover page of the RFA states: “A separate RFA will be released that includes funds for children aged four to 18, with an emphasis on children aged four to 12, for providing services to children on school grounds and to strengthen school-county partnerships. Is it allowable to use this RFA for providing services to children aged 12 to 21 on school grounds and to strengthen school-county partnerships for middle and high schools specific, as long it meets the goals of this RFA and the Act?	Yes.
4	Attachment 3: Current Mental Health System	The instructions for each V. B. 1.h states to “provide a description of each of the following: Any law enforcement and school based programs provided and/or contracted by the county mental health department that is not MHSA funded.” Is this referring to any mental health program provided or contracted by the mental health department or is it specific to crisis programs?	This applies to any mental health program provided or contracted by the mental health department that provides mental health services to individuals experiencing a crisis or who are at risk of experiencing a crisis.

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5	Attachment 3: Current Mental Health System	The instructions for each V. B. 3.b state to specify if a mental health dept [SIC] intends to use contract providers, county staff, or both. If the dept [SIC] intends to use school or other publicly employed staff, are those considered contract providers?	Personnel are considered contract providers if they are under a contract to work on this program. All non-county staff are considered contract providers.
6	Attachment 3: Program Narrative, Current Mental Health System, V. B. 1. e. Page 37	<p>“Include any current linkage services available for the homeless population as well as options for temporary and permanent affordable housing, and any beds utilized outside of standard services borders.”</p> <p>Are you asking for a list of all temporary and permanent affordable housing available: 1. county-wide? 2. For homeless individuals of all ages or just for individuals of the selected age group? 3. For individuals that are homeless and mentally ill/SED?</p>	We are asking for countywide availability of the requested information for all individuals that are within the specified age group who are homeless and have a mental illness/SED or are at risk of a mental illness/SED.
7	Attachment 3: Program Narrative, Current Mental Health System, V. B. 1. f. Page 38	“Current programs that offer alternatives to hospitalization, including beds available for crisis intervention and crisis residential programs. This includes relevant private and public services.” Please clarify what information should be addressed regarding “relevant private and public services”. Does this refer to serving privately insured, Medi-Cal beneficiaries and uninsured individuals? If not, please explain.	This includes current programs that provide alternatives to hospitalization, including beds available for crisis intervention and crisis residential programs relevant to the intended age group, regardless of their insurance status. “Relevant private and public services” means services that are being provided directly by the county or by a private entity contracted by the county to provide the services. It does not refer to who is being served and whether the person has private insured, etc.
8	Attachment 11: Budget Worksheet Example, p. 68 Attachment 12: Budget Narrative, C. i. Pages 70-71	<p>For Counties that plan to engage in a procurement process for this program if awarded:</p> <p>1. List/describe Triage Staff in the Hire Triage Contractors line item of budget/c.i of budget narrative?</p> <p>2. The procurement process generally takes 6-9 months before contract execution; therefore hiring staff will not occur for 9 – 12 months from time of grant award. Would FY1 be when the program starts or when we are awarded?</p>	<p>Question 1 is not clear, but if it is asking what to put down for personnel costs if the applicant intends to go out for bid, then the applicant should determine the number of personnel needed, the cost of each personnel, and include that information in the application.</p> <p>The program timeline begins when the contract is executed thus FY1 starts upon contract execution.</p>

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9	Budget Worksheet Example	There appears to be a discrepancy between the budget worksheet instructions and the budget worksheet example line 20. Which one is correct?	The Budget Worksheet Instructions and the formulas Budget Worksheet are correct. The example contains an error.